



THURSDAY EVENING, AUG. 3, 1893.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 3. The total number of fourth class postmasters appointed to-day was 97, of whom 55 will fill the places of removed incumbents. The changes in Virginia were as follows: Harmony Village, Middlesex county, vice W. H. Lawson, appointed postmaster; T. Y. Lawson, appointed postmaster; Caroline county, H. B. Williams, vice C. M. Payne, resigned. Capt. John S. Payne, U. S. A., retired, was to-day appointed a member of the board of pension appeals, with a salary of \$2,000. Capt. Payne is from Warren, Virginia, and a half brother of General W. H. Payne. He says he will live in Alexandria if he can rent a suitable house there.

Among the members of the House who have arrived here is Mr. Swanson of the Danville, Virginia, district. He says the election for delegates from his county, Pittsylvania, to the State democratic convention will be held next Saturday and that he thinks they will be divided. He also says he thinks the delegation from Richmond city will be divided.

The bids for the construction of the \$75,000 light house tender ordered by the last Congress were opened to-day. The lowest bid was from Cleveland, Ohio. The next was that from the Newport News ship yard, which was \$160 higher. As the acceptance of the lowest bid is not compulsory, it is not improbable that the vessel may be built at the latter place.

Representative McCrery of Kentucky, an ex-member of the international monetary conference, now here, said this morning he did not believe in the ultimate failure of that conference, and that he did believe international bimetalism on a common ratio among the great nations of the world to be the best solution of the whole trouble.

Mr. Clayton G. Coleman of Louisiana county, Virginia, was to-day appointed special agent of the land office. The place in the Interior Department for which Mr. E. S. Fleming of Alexandria was applying has been given to a man from New Jersey. Mr. Fleming still retains his place in the Treasury Department.

The financial news from New York received here up to 2 o'clock this afternoon was as follows: Money on call 3 1/2 per cent.; no sales of silver, last offer 7 1/2; stocks, application of S. S. Dawes of Norfolk, Virginia, for the place of clerk to the inspector of boilers and hulls was filed at the Treasury Department to-day.

Senator Hunton was informed at the Interior Department this morning that the Virginia would get no more places in the Indian bureau, as her quota there was overfull.

Representative Catchings told the GAZETTE's correspondent to-day that no reliance could be placed in the reports that the tariff would not be considered at the extra session of Congress, and that Mr. Crisp is not an advocate of early tariff reduction. He says the committee on ways and means will commence the preparation of a tariff bill as soon as appointed, and that Mr. Crisp is in favor of a reduction in the tariff as soon as possible.

No more silver certificates will be issued by the Treasury Department for the present, as the limit prescribed by law has been reached. That is to say, as many silver certificates are now outstanding as there are standard silver dollars coined and in the Treasury to redeem them.

The four years for which Mr. Ross was appointed a member of the board of commissioners for the District of Columbia have nearly expired. There are several good and true democrats applying for the place, but as he is a northern mugwump, many believe he will be retained.

Pension Commissioner Lochren has written a letter to the National Tribune, a pension agent's newspaper, in response to its request that he should cause a list to be made to show the number of fraudulent pensions by having 1,000 cases drawn from the admitted files and examined. He denies the request, says in effect that the examinations are being conducted properly, that the only pensions being examined are those who are reported to have obtained pensions improperly, and that the result so far shows the urgent necessity of such examinations.

The lobby of the Metropolitan Hotel seems to be the headquarters of most of the southern Congressmen who have arrived, and of all the applicants for office at the disposal of the U. S. House Representatives, and its appearance now, day and night, is very much like that it were during the early days of the present administration.

It is announced at the Department of Justice that Sherman Hoar, Boston mugwump, has qualified as U. S. district attorney for the district of Massachusetts. Mr. Hoar's appointment has never been announced officially from the White House.

DESERTED FARMS.—Out West men are reported to be starving for want of work. From Connecticut comes a cry that the farms are starving for lack of men to till them. Farm hands are paid from \$22 to \$25 per month, with board and washing. Few can be had even at this rate. All through northwestern Connecticut decaying homesteads and half cultivated farms show the decadence of agricultural interests. What is grown in that district sells well, but there are few farms that produce all that could be grown on them. The anomaly of this condition of things and unemployed numbers of workers that encumber the cities is a curious social condition. The dead farms in Connecticut and its adjoining States are becoming a serious economic problem.

MONEY IN A SOCK.—A few days since Mr. Wm. Krause, a well-known German, of Richmond, dropped his pocketbook, containing nearly twelve hundred dollars—all his savings, which he had been keeping, rather than put it in bank. He has never recovered it. Yesterday a remarkable case turned up. On Monday night a wedding occurred in Richmond, at which August Walmer was the groomsmen. A reception was held at night, and G. August Bohling loaned Walmer a table for the occasion. Between the top of some of the boards Bohling had concealed \$219, and forgot to take it out before sending the table to the bride's friend by Jacob Valentine, colored, who is employed by the young married man. The money was wrapped in an old sock. Walmer and John Stiss saw the package when it fell from under the table. Valentine picked it up, and told the men he was going to take it to Mr. Bohling, but he did not do so. Valentine was arrested, but he denied even having had the money. Officers searched the accused's house, but failed to find the old sock in which the money was kept. Yesterday the wife of the prisoner, upon being told that she would be locked up also, told where the money was. It was found in an old coffee-pot, half-full of water, in the yard back of Valentine's house.

THE LAWYERS.—At the meeting at the White Sulphur Springs yesterday of the Virginia State Bar Association the report of the committee to recommend officers was read, and the following officers were announced for the ensuing year: President, Judge Walter R. Staples, Montgomery county; Vice Presidents—R. R. Henry, Tazewell county; James P. Harrison, Danville; George McIntosh, Norfolk; R. Walton Moore, Fairfax; John J. Williams, Winchester; Executive Committee—W. Josiah Lake, in place of R. L. Henry, retired, and Eugene Massie, in place of C. V. Meredith; Delegates to the American Bar Association at Milwaukee—R. S. Thomas, Isle of Wight; Samuel Griffin, Roanoke county; H. H. Downing, Warren county.

MOSLEM GRAVES.—When once filled in a Moslem grave is never reopened on any account. To remove the faintest chance of it being thus defiled a cypress tree is planted after every interment, so that the cemetery resembles forests more than anything else.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Congressman Bourke Cockran says he has no intention of leaving Tammany or joining any other organization.

It is expected 3,000 doctors will attend the sessions of the Pan-American Medical Conference in Washington next month.

For the first time since April 20 last the gold reserve in the United States treasury was yesterday intact, there being \$791,390 free gold above the \$100,000,000.

The Secretary of the Treasury has authorized the 150 national bank depositories throughout the United States to hold government funds to the par value of the government bonds on deposit.

Five of the Armenian Christians accused of seditious rioting at Marsovan were executed this week, although the British ambassador at Constantinople endeavored to convince the Turks that two of the men were innocent.

General A. T. Gonzales, the Cuban and Confederate soldier who led the Cuban revolution of 1895, and who was Gen. Beauregard's chief of staff in the defense of Charleston, died at Columbia, S. C., yesterday, aged seventy-two years.

The owners of a number of mills in different parts of the country have announced their intention of reducing the number of their workmen, cutting down wages, or closing altogether. Thousands of persons will be thrown out of employment.

It is anticipated the outcome of the deliberations of the Behring sea tribunal will be the recommendation that the United States shall exercise police powers for the protection of seal life in the waters of Behring sea without any claim to exclusive maritime jurisdiction.

The National Convention of the American Bimetallist League at Chicago yesterday adopted resolutions demanding the repeal of all laws demetallizing silver and the free coinage of silver in the ratio of sixteen to one. Ex-Congressman Rice Pierce, of Tennessee, the lieutenant of Chairman Bland in the last Congress, made a speech in which he said: "I say to-day, as a democrat, that Grover Cleveland, the man from the East, who claims to-day to represent the democratic party, does not represent it, but misrepresents its position upon this question."

Bishop Keane of the Catholic University, Washington, characterized as absurd and shameful the telegram sent from St. Paul, Minn., that steps would be taken by Archbishop Satolli, the papal legate, to punish Archbishop Corrigan of New York, for his refusal to reinstate Dr. Bursell to his original parish. Mr. Satolli returned to Washington yesterday evening much pleased with his trip out West. "America," said he, "is a great country, of which no study of maps can give a correct idea." From a religious point of view he was struck with the great activity of the clergy under whose influence large and prosperous religious communities have sprung up, taking possession of the ground before any other institutions, civil or political, were yet in the field, and being really the pioneers of civilization.

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CHANGE OF HOME.—Mr. Thomas C. Kennedy, the architect, of Baltimore, has prepared plans for a large church for the Jesuit fathers in Prince George's county, to be erected on their new property near Bowie station, on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, and work on the foundation will begin this week. The Jesuits will change their residence from Whitemarsh, near Collington station, where they have lived for over a century. The change, therefore, is an important one. The Jesuits' new property is about half a mile from Bowie, and consists of twelve lots donated by the Leicester Land Company, of Boston, to Rev. Father Noel. The change will cause universal regret among the people of southern Maryland, for Whitemarsh is ever held in reverence, it being among the oldest Catholic missions in Maryland.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

Montefiore Hall, in Norfolk, was damaged to the extent of \$7,000 yesterday by fire.

Roscoe Lamont, of this State, has been appointed a clerk in the Navy Department at \$900.

Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore, of Hampden-Sidney College, may be called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, Baltimore.

The Episcopalians of Upperville are arranging to remodel their church, and if present plans are adopted the building will present quite a handsome appearance.

Capt. Seth Foster commander of the Virginia oyster steamer Chesapeake, died suddenly yesterday afternoon in his cabin while his boat was lying at the wharf. He was 73 years old, and had been in charge of oyster boats for many years.

The populist convention met in Lynchburg to-day to nominate State officers. Congressman Jerry Simpson, of Kansas, is there, and spoke to a large crowd in the convention hall last night. He scored both of the old parties and predicted that the third party would sweep the country in 1896.

A terrific wind and rain storm passed over Dinwiddie county Tuesday evening. Wm. Abernathy, a prominent citizen of the county, and a colored man, who were out on the road, sought shelter in the door of a neighboring house. While standing in the door, Abernathy was struck by lightning and instantly killed, and the negro was badly stunned. A dwelling house in the same neighborhood was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

Mr. J. Frank East, Colonel O'Ferrall has 735 delegates to the State convention to about 185 for Tyler. Mr. East has written a letter in which he says: "As a substantial manifestation of the accuracy of my figures I shall send a certified check for \$1,000, which let Mr. Preston (Mr. Tyler's manager) cover by a similar amount. If Colonel O'Ferrall fails to receive the nomination on the first ballot, I will forfeit that amount (\$1,000) to the Soldiers' Home, in Richmond. If he does receive the nomination on the first ballot, Mr. Preston to forfeit his check to the same institution."

Major Erasmus Taylor, of Orange, who was struck by lightning Saturday evening, is slowly recovering. At the time of receiving the shock Major Taylor was descending a ladder from the cupola of his new barn. The lightning ran down the right arm, crossed the body below the breast and down the right leg, leaving a blister as wide as the hand to mark its course. His clothing and the shoe on the right foot were torn and the right side of the ladder was shattered. Instantaneous unconsciousness followed the shock. He was found soon after by a colored man who ran in to put out the fire and when aroused said he had fallen off the ladder and broken his arm and leg. Major Taylor's escape from death is wonderful and is a subject of congratulation by his many friends.

Fauquier Notes.

Several cows and young stock have died near Catlett's within the last week or so of supposed hydrophobia, after they had been bitten by rabid dogs.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The yacht race for the Town prize of £100 took place to-day from Cowes, Isle of Wight. When the starting gun was fired at 10 o'clock the Satanita and Valkyrie crossed the line together. The American yacht Navahoe followed them closely, and she in turn was followed close up by the Calluna. A strong westerly wind was blowing and soon increased to a whole gale, when the Navahoe suddenly keeled over and everybody thought she was going to capsize, but she soon righted. She made a second attempt to catch up with the leaders, but her mainsail fell, the jaws of the gaff having broke. After a little delay she headed for Southampton for repairs. Yachtmen are now emphatic in their opinion that she is useless in a stiff breeze. The Satanita and Valkyrie sailed well in the heavy wind. The former crossed the finishing line six minutes ahead of the Valkyrie.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 3.—The town of Birk, in the government of Orenburg, has been visited by a most disastrous conflagration. One hundred and eighty houses were burned. Seven persons were killed and a large number injured. Among the buildings destroyed were the City Hall and the Catholic Church.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 3.—There is a project on foot here to unite all Latin-American nations in a monetary league to resist the depreciation of silver. It is asserted that while silver has declined in obedience to natural laws yet the depreciation is out of all proportion to what it should be, and debtor nations should unite in order to defend their interests against conspiracy. Public opinion here would favor entering into a monetary league with the United States, transferring the trade of Latin-America largely to Americans, only asking on the part of the United States a freer entrance of raw material.

Bloody Fight.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 3.—A bloody fight occurred at Elberon, a suburb of this city last night. Milt and Will Freeman, two toughs who have terrorized the neighborhood, were the instigators. Besides the above, Nern Vaughn, John Menhall and four sons, John Strong, and five others were participants. All were beaten and cut in a terrible manner. Company E, local militia, arrived on the scene and separated the fighters with drawn guns and bayonets. The scene was a sickening one. The participants were covered with blood and wounds. The whole side of one man's face was split open with a blunt instrument. Some of the wounds are serious and will prove fatal. All of the fighters were arrested. The Freemans are desperate men and have been mixed up in several serious affairs. The residents are determined they shall be punished, and will go into the courts to prosecute them. Warrants have been issued against them several times, but they could not be apprehended.

The Populists.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Aug. 3.—The third party State convention assembled at 10 o'clock; Robert Beverly was made permanent chairman. A large crowd was in attendance. Jerry Simpson, of Kansas, and Congressman Pence, of Colorado, addressed the convention. A telegram from the silver convention was received announcing that the silver men of the West would work with the third party and predicting victory next year. The convention is composed largely of farmers and every county is represented. It is a very determined crowd and they have settled down to hard work. They seem to think and say they will carry the State this fall.

Beaten by Masked Men.

SOMERSET, Pa., Aug. 3.—Last night three men entered the residence of Abraham Beam, 97 years of age, and demanded his money. Mrs. Beam handed them a pocket-book containing less than a dollar. The robbers turned furiously upon the old couple and beat them in a horrible manner. A piece of fire wood was forced down Mr. Beam's throat in an effort to extort from him the hiding place of his supposed wealth. The robbers thinking they had killed him knocked Mrs. Beam senseless and fled. It is doubtful whether Mr. Beam can recover.

Betrayed His Confederates.

TIPTON, Ind., Aug. 3.—An attempt was made last night to liberate Calvin Armstrong, the defaulting deputy treasurer, who is imprisoned in the jail here. Calvin's father and a number of friends hired an ex-convict to do the job for \$400. At the last moment the ex-convict weakened and informed the Sheriff of the plot. It had been arranged that the convict was to get into the jail, chloroform the sheriff's family, kill the guard and get possession of the keys. When the party got to the jail at 10 o'clock with a horse and buggy, they found the sheriff waiting for them.

Found Dead.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Henry Clay Ditmas, the well-known turf correspondent, was found dead in his room at his home in Gravesend this morning, death having been caused by heart disease. He was 52 years of age.

An officer was returning to Mexico, Mo., with Will Johnson, of Louisville, Ky., a negro boy 16 years old under arrest for larceny. When the train was approaching there last night the negro asked permission to go into the closet. The negro jumped through the closet window and falling under the wheels was literally ground to pieces.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

The big fire which has burned over a week in Burlington county, New Jersey, has exhausted itself at last.

The New York Clearing House Loan Committee has issued \$1,300,000 certificates. Total outstanding \$31,550,000. The Dugdale building, occupied by the Standard Worsted Company, at Lowell, Mass., was burned last night. Loss \$60,000.

In a jealous rage yesterday afternoon at Greenville, Ill., Douglas Davis fatally stabbed his wife and cut his own throat, dying instantly.

Felix Poole, a notorious character of Ohio county, Ky., was lynched Tuesday night for an assault committed on Miss York, aged thirteen.

Senator Turpie's condition was much improved yesterday and his family announces that he will be able to attend the coming session of Congress.

Among the failures reported to-day are Lazarus Silverman, a well-known private banker, of Chicago; the Commercial Bank of Stevens' Point, Wis.

The dreaded army worm has been at work on the grain fields of Polk, Kilbourn and Marshall counties, Minnesota, for the past ten days and its ravages have been frightful.

The opinion is unanimous among Chicago lawyers that the gates of the world's fair will be opened every day in the week from now on until they are finally closed next October.

Secretary Carlisle arrived at Buzzard's Bay this morning from Washington. He was met at the station by Mrs. Cleveland and driven to Gray Gables, where he took breakfast with the family.

Near Chippewa Lake, Ohio, last evening John Phillips, a harness maker, told the people that he was tired of life. When the express came along Phillips laid his head on the track and was cut into an unrecognizable mass.

Pruning down expenses continues to be the active occupation of the Chicago fair management. Each day the number of employes is becoming smaller, and it is believed that by the last of the week the great White City will be working on a bed rock basis financially.

The Governor of Ohio to-day refused to interfere in the case of Frank Van Loon, who is to be hanged between 12 and 2 o'clock to-night. Van Loon is the man who, on August 8, 1891, entered the bank at Columbus Grove, Ohio, Putnam county, and after wounding the cashier and taking \$1,200, in effecting a retreat killed Farmer Vandemark, who was standing in the door.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Monoton sugar refinery was held at Monoton, N. B., yesterday, when it was unanimously agreed to amalgamate the Nova Scotia, Halifax and Monoton refineries. The object of the combine is to enable the respective refineries, being given more capital, to improve their machinery together, and to more successfully compete with other Canadian companies.

J. H. Quinn, of Lexington, Ky., caused a riot in the dining room of a hotel at Asbury Park yesterday by striking a colored waiter who was insolent to him. The other ten or twelve waiters in the dining room at once snatched up plates, dishes and glasses which they hurled at Mr. Quinn and also drew razors. Mr. Quinn was struck as was also a lady guest. There was much excitement.

Charles C. Phillips, a fire insurance broker, committed suicide in his office in Chicago by asphyxiation last night or early this morning. When the clerks opened the office this morning the room where the body lay was filled with gas from two gas jets which had been turned on.

The station Nelson was given a mile at the Concord, N. H., driving park yesterday to beat the State record of 2:19 made by Jewett at Nashua last year. He made the half-mile in 1:06 and the mile in 2:14, without being urged.

Mrs. Sophronia Twitchell, the woman and speculator, who is well known in Wall street and on the Pacific coast, died early this morning in Brooklyn.

CALL FOR THE CAUCUS.—Representative Robertson, of Louisiana, in response to a telegram, received authority from Judge Holman to issue a call for a democratic caucus. The call signed by S. M. Robertson, secretary of the democratic caucus, reads: "By authority from Hon. W. S. Holman, chairman of the democratic caucus I hereby call a caucus of the democratic members of the Fifty-third Congress to meet in the House of Representatives on Saturday, August 5, at 8 o'clock p. m."

POISON IN THE WELL.—Aaron Sampson, 18 years old, a colored youth employed by Mrs. Hoffman, of Jamesburg, N. J., was arrested yesterday for attempting to poison the entire family. Sampson poisoned a horse belonging to his employer a few days ago, and because Mrs. Hoffman rebuked him he put a large quantity of paris green in the well. The poison was fortunately discovered before any of the family drank the water.

In a family row at the residence of J. W. Grantham, on the Summit Point road in Clarke county, last Friday, Andrew J. Ford was shot three times and it is thought, fatally wounded by his father-in-law, W. E. Somers, who has been committed to jail.

DIED.

In this city, on Wednesday, August 2nd, Mrs. JAMES H. GILLIS, wife of Commodore J. H. Gillis, U. S. N. Funeral will take place from her late residence, 122 north Alfred street, Friday evening, at 8 o'clock.

YINOLIA, for oily and muddy complexion and irritation of the skin, price 50 cents; FREEDEN'S DRY LAVENDER SALTS, 25 cents, and a fresh supply of all kinds of BIRD PREPARATIONS.

J. A. DIENELT & CO.

THE "FAVORITE" or the "SUNBEAM" LAWN MOWER will cut your grass and give your lawn the appearance of velvet. Prices from \$4.50 to \$10.

JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS, 315 King street.

PRIESTS AS WITNESSES.—The decision of Chief Justice Sir Frederick Jeune, of the London Court of probate and divorce, that a minister of the Church of England can be compelled to reveal on the witness stand confessions made to him in confidence by his parishioners, has occasioned considerable comment in church circles, and especially in the Catholic Church. Bishop Keane, of the Catholic University, near Washington, said yesterday:

"I have read the announcement of Justice Jeune's decision, and, if it has been correctly reported, it is certainly contrary not only to common usage, but to all similar decisions of which I have ever heard in courts of law. With the growth of civilization there have grown up certain customs which have been by common consent considered sacred. The custom in question is one of these. Civilization has declared that the confidences of the confessional are sacred, and when a court of law lifts its hand and says that this shall be so, it says that the civilization of the age can not make any regulation which the law is bound to respect. Civilization and the law ought to go hand in hand, but they have not done so in this case, and I should say that the decision of Justice Jeune, if we have it reported correctly, certainly can not stand."

"I know that this question has been raised in the United States once or twice, both times in the State of New York. The matter was carried to the Supreme Court of the State, where the decision was that a priest could not be compelled to divulge the secrets confided to him in the sacred confidence of the confessional. If this had not been so, there must have ceased to be any such thing as a sacred confidence in civilized society. It is my opinion that a decision so directly contrary to all precedent and to common sense cannot stand."

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—The short interest displayed signs of increased nervousness after the opening this morning and prices generally advanced. At 11 a. m. the market was irregular. Money on call is easy at 4 1/2. Prime mercantile paper \$4 1/2 per cent.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 3.—Virginia consols do 10-40s—; do 3s 65 1/2 a 64 1/2.

Alexandria Market, August 3.

The markets are somewhat more settled and firmer in tone to-day. Flour is steady and in fair demand. Wheat is a fraction higher; sales 58, 59, 60, 61 and 62; no strictly choice milling samples were offered. Corn 50 to 52. Rye 40 to 45. Oats, new 28 to 30, old 33 to 36. Butter is scarce. Eggs, Onions, Potatoes, other produce and vegetables are easy. Provisions are dull and lower. Millfeed is quiet. Hay is active.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 3.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat steady; No 2 red spot 63 1/2 a 64 1/2; No 3 62 1/2 a 63 1/2; No 4 61 1/2 a 62 1/2; No 5 60 1/2 a 61 1/2; No 6 59 1/2 a 60 1/2; No 7 58 1/2 a 59 1/2; No 8 57 1/2 a 58 1/2; No 9 56 1/2 a 57 1/2; No 10 55 1/2 a 56 1/2; No 11 54 1/2 a 55 1/2; No 12 53 1/2 a 54 1/2; No 13 52 1/2 a 53 1/2; No 14 51 1/2 a 52 1/2; No 15 50 1/2 a 51 1/2; No 16 49 1/2 a 50 1/2; No 17 48 1/2 a 49 1/2; No 18 47 1/2 a 48 1/2; No 19 46 1/2 a 47 1/2; No 20 45 1/2 a 46 1/2; No 21 44 1/2 a 45 1/2; No 22 43 1/2 a 44 1/2; No 23 42 1/2 a 43 1/2; No 24 41 1/2 a 42 1/2; No 25 40 1/2 a 41 1/2; No 26 39 1/2 a 40 1/2; No 27 38 1/2 a 39 1/2; No 28 37 1/2 a 38 1/2; No 29 36 1/2 a 37 1/2; No 30 35 1/2 a 36 1/2; No 31 34 1/2 a 35 1/2; No 32 33 1/2 a 34 1/2; No 33 32 1/2 a 33 1/2; No 34 31